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APPLICANT(S): Vestal
SERIAL NO.: Continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/038,324
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TITLE: MASS SPECTROMETER SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MATRIX-
ASSISTED LASER DESORPTION MEASUREMENTS
GROUP NO.: 1743 (Prior Application)
EXAMINER: A. Soderquist (Prior Application)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter this Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified continuation reissue application prior to calculating the filing fee. Enclosed herewith is a copy of a Petition for Extension of Time for the immediately prior co-pending reissue application, i.e., U.S. Serial No. 09/038,324, which extended the pendency of the immediately prior reissue application at least until January 4, 2001.

AMENDMENT

To the Specification

Please amend the specification by inserting after the title of the invention and before "FIELD OF THE INVENTION" the following.

Note that more than one reissue application has been filed. This application is a continuation of reissue application Serial No. 09/038,324, filed on March 11, 1998, the entire content of which is incorporated by reference herein.

To the Claims

Please cancel without prejudice original claims 2-74.

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